

HOUSE BILL NO. 278

INTRODUCED BY STOKER, SCHMIDT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SETTING THE GENETICS PROGRAM FEE; AMENDING SECTION 33-2-712, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 33-2-712, MCA, is amended to read:

"33-2-712. Genetics program fee. ~~(1)~~ Except as provided in 33-2-713, for each Montana resident insured under any individual or group disability or health insurance policy on February 1 of each year, the insurer or health service corporation issuing the policy, and the state group health plan provided for in Title 2, chapter 18, part 8, shall pay the a fee provided for in ~~subsection (2)~~ of \$1 to the commissioner. The fee must be paid on or before March 1 of each year and be deposited in an account in the state special revenue fund provided for in 50-19-212. The fee may be used only to fund the statewide genetics program established in 50-19-211 ~~OR A~~ NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM.

~~(2) (a) From October 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, the fee is \$1.~~

~~(b) Beginning July 1, 2007, the fee is 70 cents."~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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